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Main Entry: **re·quire** 
Pronunciation: \ri-'kwī(-□)r\
Function: *verb*
Inflected Form(s): **re·quired; re·quir·ing**
Etymology: Middle English *requeren*, from Anglo-French *requere*, from Vulgar Latin **requaerere* to seek for, need, require, alteration of Latin *requirere*, from *re-* + *quaerere* to seek, ask
Date: 14th century

transitive verb

1 a : to claim or ask for by right and authority **b** *archaic* : **REQUEST**
2 a : to call for as suitable or appropriate <the occasion *requires* formal dress>
b : to demand as necessary or essential : have a compelling need for <all living beings *require* food>
3 : to impose a compulsion or command on : **COMPEL**
4 *chiefly British* : to feel or be obliged — used with a following infinitive <one does not *require* to be a specialist — Elizabeth Bowen>

intransitive verb

archaic : **ASK**

synonyms see **DEMAND**

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